# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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SURVEY ON LANGUAGE AND DIALECT
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has decided to conduct survey in respect of languages and dialects spoken in the country;

(b) if so, the amount likely to be spent thereon;

(c) the time by which the aforesaid task is likely to be completed;

(d) whether there are some regional languages in the country which are on the verge of extinction;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to promote these languages?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) There is a proposal to conduct a Linguistic Survey of the country.

(b) The total budgetary requirement during 11th Plan period for this project has been estimated at Rs. 280 crores. During the 12th Plan period, estimated expenditure is Rs. 308 crores.

(c) The 'Linguistic Survey of India' report is likely to be available after ten years of its commissioning.

(d) Yes, Sir

(e) There are about 350 languages having fewer than 10,000 speakers, some of which are on the verge of extinction.

(f) There is a proposal before Government for a scheme for the protection and development of endangered and smaller languages, on the lines of the existing schemes for Languages included in the 8th Schedule. The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore has worked on documentation etc. of at least 45 minor languages.